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Invention: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

FIG. 5 of the present application shows a value of T1 decreasing as the recording liner velocity value increases. Please see ¶'s 12, 14 and 16 for further support. Determining T1 based upon recording linear velocity is an important aspect of at least one of the described embodiments. For example, see ¶12, which identifies the need for backward compatibility of various recording speeds using improved recording media. Thus, FIG. 5 shows $T1 > 0$ prior to the predetermined